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### Athletics

| Question  | Answer   | Topic     |
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| When are the tryouts for basketball?  | Basketball is a Winter Sport. <a href="#">Click here for MV Athletics information.</a>   | Athletics |
| Which school sports will conflict with each other for each season (like games and practices)? | <a href="#">Click here to see all of the Team Sports available at Monte Vista.</a> Use the menu options on the right hand side to see Fall sports, Winter sports, and Spring sports. | Athletics |
| Can you tell me about the bus process for athletes?   | The bus is the same for athletes and non-athletes. Please visit the <a href="#">Traffix website</a> .  | Athletics |

### Electives

| Question   | Answer  | Topic     |
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| What is the registration/audition process for Leadership?                        | <a href="#">Click here for information on Auditions/Tryouts &amp; courses that require an application.</a>                              | Electives |
| Which period is Frosh Leadership?  | <a href="#">Click here for the Freshman Leadership Application for 2025-26.</a>   |           |
| Can 8th graders choose their electives through Infinite Campus?                  | Where courses are in the master schedule has not been finalized for the 25-26 school year. Freshman Leadership is 4th period this year. | Electives |
| Which electives are available to 9th grade students? Is there a list of classes? | Here is the <a href="#">list of courses</a> for incoming 9th grade students.  | Electives |
| Does Wind Ensemble require an audition?  | Yes, Wind Ensemble is an audition class. Please see the <a href="#">audition dates here</a> .   | Electives |
| For the no-audition-needed band  | Please contact <a href="#">Mr. Cloyd</a> for more information about the   | Electives |



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| electives (Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Marching Band), is there a pre-requisite of having played an instrument in middle school?   | prerequisites for the band courses.   |           |
| For 9th grade strings, is "Orchestra", "Orchestra Honors" or "Music" the class to enroll in?  | Select Honors Orchestra and list Orchestra as an alternate. After the Honors Orchestra auditions take place, we will manually adjust schedules for students selected for the Honors class.  | Electives |
| For 9th grade speech & debate, which course should my student enroll in?  | Oral Interpretation is the first Speech & Debate course.  | Electives |
| I have prior Speech and Debate experience. Is Oral Interpretation required for all Freshman or can I sign up for Speech and Debate 3?   | Oral Interpretation is still required, even with prior experience.  | Electives |
| Oral Interpretation is popular and serves as a prerequisite for Debate and Speech in later grades. Does the school give priority assigning this elective to students who intend to take Speech and Debate? If a student is unable to enroll in this elective due to availability issues, can they complete the course outside of school to remain eligible for Speech and Debate in 10th grade? | Oral Interpretation is a popular course, but there seems to be space for all 9th graders who request it.  | Electives |
| Which period will Culinary Arts be next year? My student is interested in Culinary, but also wants a 1-6 period schedule. We heard Culinary is 7th period this year. Will it also be 7th period next year?  | The 25-26 master schedule has not been finalized yet. This year, Culinary Arts is 7th period, which may or may not be the case next year. Request Unscheduled 7th period and Culinary Arts in IC, and be sure to list an alternate elective in the event Culinary Arts is 7th period next year. | Electives |
| How many electives can students   | Freshmen can take up to 2 electives. Additional   | Electives |



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| take each year? Can freshmen take 3 electives?  | opportunities to take elective classes are available in 10th-12th grade, especially during the junior and senior years when students will have completed the majority of their graduation requirements.   |           |
| What courses should be taken for a Business path?   | We offer an Intro to Business class as well as Personal Finance and AP Economics.   | Electives |
| Which electives count as art credits, except art class?   | <a href="#">Check out the course catalog here.</a>  | Electives |
| What is the registration/audition process for Dance?  | <a href="#">Click here for information on Auditions/Tryouts &amp; courses that require an application.</a>  | Electives |
| According to the power point, students don't need to take a World Language, as long as they have enough units in some sort of art category. Is this correct ? | For High School graduation requirements, students need to take a total of 2 courses from 2 of the 3 categories (Visual/Performing Art aka VAPA, World Language, & Applied Art aka Career Technical Education/CTE). If they don't take a World Language, they need to take 1 year of a VAPA class & 1 year of a CTE class. To stay eligible for college admissions, we do recommend that students take a World Language class and continue with that language through level 2, as well as taking a VAPA class. | Electives |
| Do I need to skip something over the summer in order to do an elective like music or Spanish?   | No, you will have enough space in your 9th grade schedule to take an elective.  | Electives |

### English

| Question  | Answer  | Topic   |
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| I am interested in taking AP English in 9th grade. What is the registration process for this? | Freshmen can only take English 9. There are opportunities to take advanced English courses in grades 10-12. | English |

### Extracurriculars

| Question  | Answer  | Topic            |
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| I heard that MVHS has an ice hockey club that plays other | Yes, we do have a hockey club. More information will be available in the Fall during the Club Fair. <a href="#">Here is the link to</a> | Extracurriculars |



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| schools and competes, but is not considered an actual school sport. Is this accurate?  | <a href="#">more information about our clubs.</a>   |                  |
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| How can I create a club, if I don't find any of the showcased clubs to my liking?  | <a href="#">Click here for more information about clubs at MVHS.</a><br>Students may submit a proposal to create a club in the Fall semester.   | Extracurriculars |
| I would like to sign up for clubs. Are club meetings held during school hours? Will I still be able to take the bus home?                                    | Club meetings are typically held during the school day; however, some meetings may be after school or on a weekend. Students are not required to attend every club meeting in order to be a member of a club. Students are encouraged to attend meetings and participate in club(s) when possible. <a href="#">Click here for more information.</a> | Extracurriculars |
| My son is interested in entrepreneurship. I would like to learn more about DECA and other programs that may be of help to pursue entrepreneurship.           | DECA is a student-run club at MV, and there are several other business/entrepreneurship-oriented clubs as well ( <a href="#">click here</a> ). We also offer an Intro to Business class as well as Personal Finance and AP Economics.   | Extracurriculars |
| <b>General</b>   |   |                  |
| Question   | Answer  | Topic            |
| Which AP's can freshmen take and what are the requirements (such as doing work over the summer)?   | The AP Computer Science Principles (AP CSP) course is available to freshmen, pending space availability. While summer work is not required for this course, an interest in and/or aptitude for computer science is recommended, as AP CSP is a college-level course with rigorous demands.  | General          |
| Does the school provide English and Biology Advanced or Honors courses for 9th grade? Or Advanced/Honors not an option for 9th graders?                      | The options for English 9 and Biology are college-prep; there are not any Honors or Advanced options for these subjects in 9th grade. However, Honors Chemistry is open to 9th grade students pending space availability.   | General          |
| What do you suggest a student do if they are interested in taking Band, French, and Speech and Debate their Freshman year? The student is also interested in | Students can take a maximum of 7 classes each year. Occasionally, students take <a href="#">non-district courses</a> to make room for additional electives. Marching Band is after school and is not part of the 7 period day.  | General          |



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| enrolling in Marching Band.   |   |         |
| My student is considering transferring to a different high school, what is the process for course selections?   | Please complete the course selections at Monte Vista and the district will adjust if/when the transfer is approved.   | General |
| We submitted an intradistrict transfer. Will my student have an opportunity to meet individually with her counselor since she is not coming from a feeder school?   | Counselors can set up a phone call or Google Meet if there are additional questions about course selection after April 15th.  | General |
| My mom completed the transfer form from SRVHS to Monte Vista. When I go to pick my courses, the school says SRVUSD. Some of the classes I want to take at Monte Vista do not exist at SRVHS. Do you know how I can pick my courses? | If/when the transfer is approved, we will contact you to make sure your course selections are correct.  | General |
| My daughter is approved for intra-district transfer. How can we meet the counselor for her course selection one on one?   | Your student's assigned counselor at MVHS will reach out to you after April 15th to discuss your student's course selections. Please input your course selections in Infinite Campus by the March 10th deadline; counselors can make changes to course requests after this deadline.  | General |
| If my student were to do ISPE and offsite Chinese, would she only have 5 classes onsite?  | Check out more information about Independent Study PE (ISPE) <a href="#">here</a> . Students who participate in ISPE will still choose a minimum of 5 classes that will show up in their schedule. ISPE and offsite Chinese will count as outside classes, but we want students to make sure they have a balanced schedule especially as they are transitioning to High School. | General |
| I am looking for information on 4-year course planning to see what we need to focus on this summer and in 9th grade. Can we schedule an appointment with the counselor?   | If your student attends one of our feeder pattern Middle Schools, counselors will be visiting the following Middle Schools to go over course selections. Stone Valley & Los Cerros: March 24th; Diablo Vista: March 28th. If your student is an intradistrict transfer, your counselor will contact you after April 15th. In the meantime, there is lots of                     | General |



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|  | information regarding 4-year planning, course selections, etc. on our <a href="#">MV Counseling website</a> .  |         |
| It looks like there are 5 mandatory courses for 9th graders. With the need to take math and world language, there isn't any room to take an elective like Jazz Band. Is there flexibility on when to take the mandatory courses? | <p>There are 4 pre-assigned, required courses in 9th grade: English 9, Ethnic Studies/Health (1 semester each), PE 9, and Biology. The fifth course is a Math class, which depends on the student's current 8th grade math course. The sixth course is an elective option, which could be World Language or Band, in your case. If your student would like to take a 7-period schedule, World Language would be course #6 and Band would be course #7.</p> <p>Note: World Language is not required in 9th grade. Students may choose to begin World Language coursework in 10th grade and will have enough time to complete 3 levels of that World Language (level 1 in 10th, level 2 in 11th, level 3 in 12th), as recommended for 4-year college admissions.</p> | General |
| When are the dance shows for 25-26?  | Check out the MV website <a href="#">here</a> for more information about the Dance program.  | General |
| Where can I find the presentation from Incoming 9th Grade Night?   | Please visit the <a href="#">counseling website</a> to access the presentation.  | General |
| The slides were very confusing with way too much information for a freshman. We just need to know what we need to sign up for and what the options are.  | You have access to the <a href="#">MV Counseling website</a> where all the information is housed, including the <a href="#">9th grade Course Selection Sheet</a> .   | General |
| Is it possible to take more than 2 electives in 9th grade? What if the choice wasn't right, could possibly my daughter change it? How many clubs can students join?  | <p>Students may take up to 2 elective courses in 9th grade. Students will have many opportunities to take additional elective courses in future years.</p> <p>Students may request to drop a course and join a new class during the first 3 weeks of the semester. Course changes are not always possible, as changes are made based on space availability. After the first 3 weeks of the semester, it is not possible to join a new class.</p> <p>Students can join as many clubs as they would like to!</p>   | General |



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|  | There is no maximum number of clubs in which a student can participate.  |         |
| When I am done selecting my courses, how do I submit them?   | Once you enter your courses, they are saved in Infinite Campus. There is nothing else you need to do!  | General |
| Do high school classes taken in SRVUSD middle school, such as Algebra 1, Spanish 1A, and Spanish 1B, count toward the 220 credit requirement for high school graduation? I noticed that these high school classes taken in middle school do not appear to be counted on the High School Graduation requirement Credit Summary portion of my child's transcript even though they are high school classes. | Courses taken during middle school do not count towards the 220 credits needed for graduation. However, they do count towards 4-year college admissions requirements for math and language.  | General |
| On Infinite Campus, there are 4 courses listed as 'Required' (1. PE; 2. English 9; 3. Biology; and 4. Ethnic Studies & Health). If my child prefers a 6 period schedule, and selects two courses under Requests does that make it 6 courses for the semester?  | Yes.<br>To request a 6-period schedule, please select:<br>2 additional courses,<br><br>2 alternate courses in the event one or both of the above are unavailable, and<br><br>Unscheduled 1st or 7th period   | General |
| I plan to take a 7 period day for 9th grade. What courses can be taken over the summer so that I can select 3 electives for 9th grade (I do NOT want to take a language online)?   | The following required course requests are pre-assigned to 9th grade students in Infinite Campus:<br>English 9<br>Ethnic Studies/Health (1 semester each)<br>PE 9<br>Biology<br><br>The 3 remaining options are selected by the student:<br>Math (depends on the student's current 8th grade math course)<br>World Language (recommended if student is successfully completing level 1 of a language in 8th; ex: Spanish 1B) | General |





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|   | students select Spanish 2)<br>Unscheduled or Elective  |         |
| What is the purpose of selecting 'Alternate' courses? Is it to ensure we have options should the 'Requested' course be unavailable?                               | Yes. Alternate courses are your student's second/back-up choice in the event their first choice course is unavailable.   | General |
| How many credits are in a 4 unit course? How many credits are in a 2 unit course?   | 4 units = Yearlong course (10 credits)<br>2 units = Semester course (5 credits)  | General |
| If a child takes 6 courses in every upcoming semester, in 4 years she would have compiled 240 credits. (assuming each course is 4 units). Can you please confirm? | Correct. Students can earn 5 credits per course per semester. A student who passes 6 classes with a D- or higher will earn 30 credits per semester for a total of 60 credits per year and 240 credits over the course of four years.   | General |
| In what grade, should a student start thinking of a specific track?   | If/when the student finds their specific interest area is great!   | General |
| By the time the student graduates from High School, is it necessary to have been on a specific track i.e. Journalism, Engineering? Or can it be a mix of classes? | A mix of classes is fine. A more specialized set of coursework is fine too. The most important thing is that students explore their interests in high school. Sometimes the interest area is broad or well-rounded, and sometimes a student's interest area is more narrow or specialized. | General |
| I didn't attend the Incoming 9th grade night so how do I get my folder?   | <a href="#">Click here for links to all of the documents included in the Student Information Folder provided at Incoming 9th Grade Night.</a>  | General |
| How likely is it that I can get all seven periods?  | It depends on which courses you are requesting. Most 9th graders that request 7 classes do get them. Students will need to put in alternates though.   | General |
| When can I see my new schedule?   | Schedules are typically viewable in Infinite Campus 2 days before the first day of school. The tentative day for next year is August 11th.   | General |
| When is Stampede Day?   | Thursday, August 7th, 2025   | General |
| If I choose to take 7 periods, will I be able to ride the bus (traffix) to school?  | No, the <a href="#">Traffix</a> bus pick-up is after 6th period. Many students enrolled in a 7-period schedule take the <a href="#">County Connection</a> bus home from school, which picks up in front  | General |





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|   | of MVHS after 7th period.  |         |
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| If students have earned enough credits for graduation in 9th-11th grades, can they minimally be on campus their Senior year? Is there a requirement to be on campus for a certain number of periods Senior year?  | Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 5 classes each year.   | General |
| Confirming that a minimum of 220 credits is required to graduate? The folder distributed to incoming Freshmen indicated 220 in some places and 240 in other places.   | A total of 220 credits is required for graduation.   | General |
| My son will be taking 6 classes freshman year. He also plans to play baseball, basketball, and football. He is looking to add Algebra 1, English 9, Spanish 1, PE9, and Biology. What are your recommendations of these classes, and what do you recommend for his 6th class? | The listed courses seem like a balanced schedule! Choose an elective from the <a href="#">9th Grade Course Selection Sheet</a> based on your student's interest area(s). Options could be Visual/Performing Art, Journalism, AP Computer Science Principles, Publications (formerly Yearbook), Freshman Leadership, AVID, or Culinary Arts.  | General |
| <b>Math</b>   |  |         |
| Question  | Answer   | Topic   |
| Can you tell me more about the Accelerated Algebra 2 class?   | Course description: This course prepares students to take AP Calculus and other advanced math courses. This is a rigorous fast paced course covering the State of California Common Core Algebra 2 Standards, Precalculus, and the Common Core (+) standards which include advanced trigonometric concepts. This course will emphasize use of the Eight Mathematical Practices. Students will make sense of problem situations, solve higher order thinking problems, derive key theorems, use technology where appropriate, work in groups to develop teamwork skills, and demonstrate procedural fluency in their responses. | Math    |



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|   | Students should be earning A's in previous math courses, have a strong love of math, and expect a rigorous, fast paced course.   |      |
| What is the advantage of taking accelerated Algebra 2 instead of regular Algebra 2 as a 9th grader in regards to UC college requirements (currently taking geometry in 8th grade with an A grade)?  | The Accelerated Algebra 2 course covers the yearlong Algebra 2 curriculum as well as the yearlong Honors Pre-Calculus curriculum over the course of one year. In other words, students in Accelerated Algebra 2 are completing 2 years of math in 1 year, at an extremely fast pace. A student who successfully completed Accelerated Algebra 2 in 9th grade may then take college-prep Calculus or AP Calculus AB in 10th grade, AP Calculus AB or AP Calculus BC in 11th grade (respectively), and college-prep Statistics or AP Statistics in 12th grade. <a href="#">Please refer here for information on math pathways.</a> | Math |
| What is the impact of taking "Accelerated Algebra 2" vs. regular "Algebra 2" on the student's GPA? (for example, is a grade of "A" in Accelerated Algebra 2 weighted as a 5.0 vs. 4.0 for the GPA as with AP courses)?  | Accelerated Algebra 2 and regular Algebra 2 are both weighted the same on a 4.0 GPA scale.   | Math |
| If a student completes Geometry this summer, can they take Algebra 2 in 9th grade? Or is Accelerated Algebra 2 the only 9th grade option in this path? I ask because I did not see Algebra 2 in the 9th grade column (1st column) on the Math Pathways slide in the presentation. | Yes, a student who successfully completes Geometry may request Algebra 2 in 9th grade.   | Math |
| Where can I find different math classes options and what classes are prerequisites?   | <a href="#">Click here for the Course Catalog</a> where you can find a description of all courses offered including any prior coursework required. Use the filters on the left hand side to see specific subject areas only (ex: math courses only).   | Math |
| Are 9th graders are allowed to  | If a student has passed Algebra 2, then they can request   | Math |



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| take Pre-Calc Honors? If so, what are the steps to get in?   | Pre-Calc Honors for 9th grade.  |                                    |
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| I earned a D (69.81%) in Algebra 1 Part 1 and I am doing BYU Algebra 1 Part 1. Does this work when I am at MVHS next year? Can I skip Geometry this summer? I didn't study a lot for math last year, but I have the right method now (my current Alg. 1 grade is 85%).   | Please consult with your current math teacher on math course placement for next year. We would advise you not to advance over the summer  | Math                               |
| My child is currently in Algebra 1 and planning a summer course for Geometry 1 and 2. Given this, she has requested Algebra 2 on Infinite Campus for her course selections with Geometry as an alternate (in the event she doesn't complete Geometry this summer). If she is unable to complete the Geometry course this summer, will her 'alternate' course selection of Geometry kick in for her 1st semester at MVHS? | Please have your student communicate with their counselor or the registrar if they are unable to complete a summer course before the school year begins. There will be a course change form available once school begins that the student can complete. | Math                               |
| How can I skip geometry over the summer if I am already accelerated by one year?   | Here is the district <a href="#">link for summer advancement</a> .  | Math                               |
| <b>Non-District Courses / Advancement</b>  |   |                                    |
| Question   | Answer  | Topic                              |
| I'd like to learn more about summer math advancement options to see if it's a good option for my son. I understand it's a personal decision, but I'd like to gain some perspective by talking with others who have done this.  | Check out the Non-District Course link <a href="#">here</a> for more information.   | Non-District Courses / Advancement |



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| Can my student earn advancement credit for taking a Non-District Course in Biology over the summer? What is the process and recommendations for institutions?   | Please follow the <a href="#">non-district course policies for summer advancement</a> found on the district website. We do not make recommendations for non-district courses.   | Non-District Courses / Advancement |
| Is BYU Independent a recognized institution for non-district courses. Can I bridge Biology over this summer(2025 summer). If I did would I be able to take Chemistry in the Earth systems in 9th grade. There is Biology 1 and Biology 2 in BYU, would both these courses count to 4 units. | Please review the <a href="#">Non-District Course Policy</a> and confirm that the outside institution (ex: BYU Independent Study High School) is accredited, and the specific Biology course at the institution is listed on the UC/CSU database of approved courses for the 2024-25 & 2025-26 academic years. The links to the accreditation information and the UC/CSU database are available on the Non-District Course Policy website linked above. After researching and confirming the non-district institution and course meets the policy requirements, submit the Non-District Course Intent Form linked on the policy website. You may request Chemistry for 9th grade. Priority is given to upper grade levels. Freshmen will be scheduled in Chemistry if space is available. | Non-District Courses / Advancement |
| Will there be any exam after completing online summer course or will course completion certificate be enough to get placed in 9th graders H. Pre Calc   | Students must submit an official transcript showing completion of Algebra 2 by the first week of school. Please refer to the <a href="#">registrar's page</a> for more information.   | Non-District Courses / Advancement |
| When and how can I submit the transcript from a NDC?  | Please visit the <a href="#">registrar's page</a> for more info on submitting NDCs.   | Non-District Courses / Advancement |
| Can 9th grade students take Health and Ethnic Studies in summer school to free up their schedule for an elective? If so, is there a certain program MV would recommend for that?  | We do not recommend that students take non-district courses, but it is permitted. <a href="#">All information regarding researching non-district schools and courses can be found here</a> . UC/CSU-approved courses completed at accredited high schools or community colleges are accepted by SRVUSD. Because Ethnic Studies is a new course required for graduation by the state of California, this course may not be widely available through institutions outside of SRVUSD/CA. If a student completes Ethnic Studies through a non-district institution, the course must be categorized as   | Non-District Courses / Advancement |



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|   | a Social Studies course on the <a href="#">UC/CSU database</a> in order to fulfill the state graduation requirement. Ethnic Studies courses in the Elective category on the UC/CSU database will not fulfill the graduation requirement. Students who complete a required course like Ethnic Studies and/or Health through a non-district institution may choose to replace this course in their 9th grade schedule with another elective or opt to take one fewer course in 9th grade.   |                                    |
| My daughter would like to take Health online this summer to free up space for electives. Health is required on her course selection, does she list the extra elective she would like and then when she completes Health online it will be removed from her schedule?  | If your student's plan is to take Health online, she can select another elective class instead of Health as well as alternates. Health is a graduation requirement and it needs to be on their MV transcript so your student will need to go through the <a href="#">NDC submittal process</a> .  | Non-District Courses / Advancement |
| If my student plans to take Ethnic Studies and Health over the Summer, when will that extra elective spot open up to enroll in another course?  | List the elective your student would like to replace Ethnic Studies/Health as an alternate in Infinite Campus. Upon completion of the Ethnic Studies/Health courses, your student will need to provide proof of completion and request to drop Ethnic Studies/health and take their Alternate course instead.   | Non-District Courses / Advancement |
| Which websites offer summer courses that give me MVHS credit?   | <a href="#">Summer advancement via outside institutions</a> is permitted under the <a href="#">SRVUSD Non-District Course Policy</a> . Please review this information and submit the Non-District Course Intent Form if you plan to enroll in a non-district course over the summer.  | Non-District Courses / Advancement |
| I am considering taking Ethnic Studies over the summer (but not Health). I was told this could only be done at a college course or community college. How and where can I get started on this? I think taking an Unscheduled 7th period, during that semester, is the best option for me, so I can start off my high school | We do not recommend that students take non-district courses, but it is permitted. <a href="#">All information regarding researching non-district schools and courses can be found here</a> . UC/CSU-approved courses completed at accredited high schools or community colleges are accepted by SRVUSD. Non-district courses vary in cost and quality; however, many community college courses are available to high school students for little to no cost through the community college's Concurrent or Dual Enrollment program. | Non-District Courses / Advancement |



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| experience more relaxed. My family is also concerned about the money value. What do you think about this?  | Students who are worried about the transition to high school are advised to take 6 classes only their freshman year; however, many students take 7 classes in 9th grade and do very well.  |                                    |
| Is it possible to take Spanish 1 over the summer and take Spanish 2 in 9th grade? Will a spot in Spanish 2 be guaranteed?                            | <a href="#">Summer advancement via outside institutions</a> is permitted under the <a href="#">SRVUSD Non-District Course Policy</a> , although we do not recommend this. We build our master schedule based on students' course requests. However, scheduling conflicts and/or space constraints may occur, and we cannot guarantee placement in a specific course. | Non-District Courses / Advancement |
| What is the process to complete a level in any world language over summer?   | Review the information and follow the process outlined in the <a href="#">SRVUSD Non-District Course Policy</a> as well as the <a href="#">Summer Advancement via Outside Institution information</a> .  | Non-District Courses / Advancement |
| If you plan to do geometry over the summer and algebra two in grade 9, however, you don't complete geometry how do you go about doing it in grade 9? | Transcripts for <a href="#">summer advancement courses</a> via outside institutions are due by August 11th. Students who do not meet this deadline will be dropped from the subsequent course. In this example, the student would be dropped from Algebra 2 because completion of Geometry is required in order to take and be successful in Algebra 2.              | Non-District Courses / Advancement |
| What is the process in getting credit for classes taken online in the summer?  | Review the information and follow the process outlined in the <a href="#">SRVUSD Non-District Course Policy</a> as well as the <a href="#">Summer Advancement via Outside Institution information</a> . The process for adding non-district credits to the MV transcript is outlined on the <a href="#">registrar's website</a> as well.                             | Non-District Courses / Advancement |
| If my student takes biology preparatory courses online now, will it be included in their high school transcript and credits?                         | Review the information and follow the process outlined in the <a href="#">SRVUSD Non-District Course Policy</a> as well as the <a href="#">Summer Advancement via Outside Institution information</a> . The process for adding non-district credits to the MV transcript is outlined on the <a href="#">registrar's website</a> as well.                             | Non-District Courses / Advancement |
| Will I be able to take chem in 9th grade then take bio over the 9th grade summer?  | Completion of Biology is highly recommended before completing Chemistry.   | Non-District Courses / Advancement |
| Can we take 1-6 periods and 7th period (ex: Biology) from outside institutions?  | Yes, students can request 6 classes on campus and take a 7th class outside of the district.  | Non-District Courses / Advancement |



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### PE

| Question   | Answer   | Topic |
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| How do students apply for Independent Study PE (ISPE)?<br>What are the requirements for ISPE?<br>How should students sign up for ISPE in Infinite Campus when PE 9 is a required course in IC? | Please check out the district website on ISPE <a href="#">here</a> . Keep checking the website for more information on ISPE requirements and how to apply.<br>For now, register for PE 9 and then if your student is approved for ISPE, counselors will adjust the student's schedule. | PE    |
| Are the MVHS PE clothes free and are they required?  | PE clothes are required and there is a cost. Please talk to your counselor or PE teacher if you have questions or concerns.  | PE    |

### Post-High School

| Question  | Answer   | Topic            |
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| Does Monte Vista give out scholarships to students for college? If so, how do I get them? | College scholarships are available to seniors who apply and are selected to receive the scholarship. MVHS does not directly award scholarships, but scholarship opportunities are posted on the <a href="#">MVHS College &amp; Career Center's website</a> . | Post-High School |

### Science

| Question   | Answer  | Topic   |
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| What are the courses available for a student wanting to pursue the Bio-Med pathway?                                      | The <a href="#">science flow chart</a> lists all of the science courses at Monte Vista. AP Biology and Honors Anatomy are two courses we would recommend for students on the Bio-Med pathway.                           | Science |
| What about a class that is not offered through SRVUSD (H. Biology)? Can this be taken through an outside institution and | Yes, students can take <a href="#">non-district courses</a> for classes not offered through the district. If it is an accredited, approved course/institution that is weighted, then it will be on a 5.0 grading scale. | Science |





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| will it be counted as a weighted grade (5.0)?  |   |         |
| Is Forensic Science available to 10th graders?   | No, Forensic Science is open to 11th and 12th grade students only.  | Science |
| Can we change the required class Biology in my student's infinite campus to chemistry if she wants to skip it?   | Counselors will be going to middle schools to review course selections with 8th graders. We can adjust schedules at that time. If your student is planning on advancing, put the class your student is planning on taking next year.  | Science |
| Please advise the benefits if there are any to take chemistry in 9th grade.  | There really isn't one if this is not an appropriate option for your student. If your student is capable of this, this simply allows your student to take Chemistry or Honors Chemistry (pending space availability) in 9th grade and allows them to take additional science courses or elective courses. Students do not need to advance over the summer, in fact, we want to be sure they are enjoying their summer before high school begins! Also, four-year colleges still recommend that a student continues to take 3-4 consecutive years of a lab science throughout high school. | Science |
| Infinite Campus has Biology pre-selected as a required course. We plan to take Biology this summer and would like request Chemistry or Honors Chemistry. How do we do that? Should we pick Chemistry or Honors as Alternate in the bottom? | Please select Chemistry or Honors Chemistry as an Alternate. Counselors can update the selections when we visit the middle schools.   | Science |
| What is the advantage of taking Biology over the summer?   | There really isn't one if this is not an appropriate option for your student. If your student is capable of this, this simply allows your student to take Chemistry or Honors Chemistry (pending space availability) in 9th grade and allows them to take additional science courses or elective courses. Students do not need to advance over the summer, in fact, we want to be sure they are enjoying their summer before high school begins! Also, four-year colleges still recommend that a student continues to take 3-4 consecutive years of a lab science throughout high school. | Science |



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| Is it recommended for an academically strong student to take Biology online over the summer, and then take Chemistry as a 9th grader? Or would condensing Biology to just 2 months not provide a good science foundation for the student? | As stated before, counselors do not recommend students advance or take classes online but it is permitted. Counselors find that it can be difficult for students to learn a solid foundation of classes that are taken over the summer because they are generally fast paced and don't cover the full foundation of what a student would be learning in-person in a Monte Vista class. The choice is up to the family, though. | Science |
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### Special Education

| Question   | Answer  | Topic             |
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| My son is in mild SDC and we are unclear if we need to register by this deadline or if his course selections are separate.   | We will partner with the SDC teachers/case managers to help your student with course selection. Your student can enter electives in the Infinite Campus portal though.  | Special Education |
| I don't see an option for Resource as a course in Infinite Campus, is that automatically assigned to my child, and therefore she would only pick one elective (assuming she wants a 7-period day)? | Students receiving Special Education services through an IEP will be assigned a Tutorial period. Students with an IEP who would like to take a 7-period day should request 1 elective and 1 alternate elective in addition to their Math course, and English 9, Ethnic Studies/Health, PE 9, and Biology, which will be automatically assigned to all 9th grade students. | Special Education |
| We missed the Resource meet & greet that happened before the main event on Monday. Is there anyone we can reach out to for additional information?   | Please contact your student's current case manager for information and/or to connect with the MVHS Special Education Department.  | Special Education |
| Is it typical of students in Resource to apply for the AVID program?   | All students, including those in Special Education, can apply to be in AVID.  | Special Education |

### World Language

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| At Gale Ranch, my student took Chinese 1a and 1b. She would like to continue Chinese for her World Language requirement. Can she do this offsite and how would she indicate this on the course registration form? How would I get the offsite course approved? | Yes, students can take <a href="#">non-district courses</a> for classes not offered through SRVUSD. Submit the Non-District Course Intent Form available on the website linked above to inform the district of your student's enrollment in the non-district course. The form will be reviewed, and you will be contacted if it appears the course does not meet the district's requirements. No need to indicate the non-district course on the Course Selection Sheet or in Infinite Campus. | World Language |
| Can you take a language test so that you don't have to take a language class?  | For graduation credit, no. This is not an option. However, students who earn a qualifying score on the World Language AP exam (if offered by <a href="#">Collegeboard</a> ) may use their AP exam score to meet the UC/CSU World Language requirement with no coursework required.   | World Language |
| My son has taken Spanish 1A in 7th Grade and is currently taking Spanish 1B in 8th Grade. Which Spanish class should he register for in 9th Grade - Spanish I/II/III?  | Students who successfully complete Spanish 1B in 8th grade with a C or higher may request to enroll in Spanish 2 in 9th grade.   | World Language |
| I am debating between French and Japanese for World Language. I would like to know which one is easier to understand and learn.  | There is not a one-size-fits-all answer to this question. Everyone is different, and what seems easy to one person may be very challenging for someone else. Additionally, everyone's interests are different. One person may find a subject/course interesting while someone else finds it uninteresting (which sometimes translates to more difficult, because we typically perform better in courses that are interesting to us).   | World Language |
| Is 4 years of a language any better to colleges than 3?  | Many 4-year colleges recommend that students take 3 years of a world language. Many schools also like to see students demonstrate consistent interest in multi-year programs available at their high school. Consistent interest/involvement could be taking 4 years of a world language or taking Journalism or Theatre or Instrumental Music for more than 1 year in high school.  | World Language |